

**ANIMAL MATTERS HEARING BOARD
FOR CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday, August 18, 2015**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Animal Control Board for Charles County, Maryland, was convened by the Chairman at 6:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, Charles County Government Building, with the following Board members in attendance.

Andrew Parker, Chairman
Sean Brown
William Van Blarcum
Kristin Lake
Lyn Cianflocco
Edward Tucker, Chief, Animal Control Services
Melody Miles Haynes, County Attorney
Maria Team, Clerk

A quorum was declared based upon the presence of a majority of the appointed Board Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Animal Matters Hearing Board for August 4, 2015 were approved and adopted.

Citation No. 6414 – issued to Angel Graves, 9610 Waupaun Place, Nanjemoy, Maryland 20662, for the alleged violation of Section 230.12 and Section 230.12.5 of the Charles County Animal Regulations for her dog “Jetta.” Ms. Graves was present at the hearing and not represented by counsel. Testimony was heard from Officer Jeff Thomas, Stephen Clagett and Susan Clagett (witnesses for County) and Ms. Graves and Leigha Messick (witness for owner).

Based on the testimony heard, Kristin Lake made a motion to find Ms. Graves in violation of Section 230.12 and Section 230.12.5 of the Charles County Animal Regulations with a fine of \$15.00 due by September 15, 2015 and to obey all laws for 18 months. A second was made and the vote passed unanimously.

File No. 15-13 – The case of Kim Leonard against Thomas Hiner was called. Both parties were present at the hearing and not represented by counsel. Testimony was heard from Ms. Leonard and Mr. Hiner. Entered into evidence was a packet of documents and exhibits marked Owner Ex. 1.

Based on the testimony and evidence presented, the Chairman made a motion to find Mr. Hiner in violation of Section 12.4 – Public Nuisance and not in violation of Section 12.5 – Dangerous and/or Vicious for his dog “Ricco”, fine him a total of \$50.00 due by September 1, 2015 and to obey all laws for 18 months. A second was made and the vote passed unanimously.

File No. 15-19 – The case of Jacqueline Credle against Butch Savoy was called. Both parties were present at the hearing and not represented by counsel. Testimony was heard from Ms. Credle and Mr. Savoy.

Based on the testimony heard, the Board dismissed the case against Mr. Savoy, but advised him that if he gets another dog, it must remain on his property. The Board also advised Ms. Credle that she could re-file if Mr. Savoy has another dog come onto her property.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the hearing at 8:00 p.m.